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For: METHOD AND MESSAGE THEREFOR OF MONITORING THE SPARE
CAPACITY OF A DRA NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits of the present CPA application, in response to the Office Action of August 28, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 by way of replacement as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed in the Appendix.

1. (Three Times Amended) A method of mapping a topology of the spare capacity of a telecommunications network having a plurality of nodes interconnected with working and spare links, comprising the steps of: